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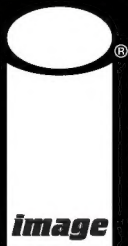
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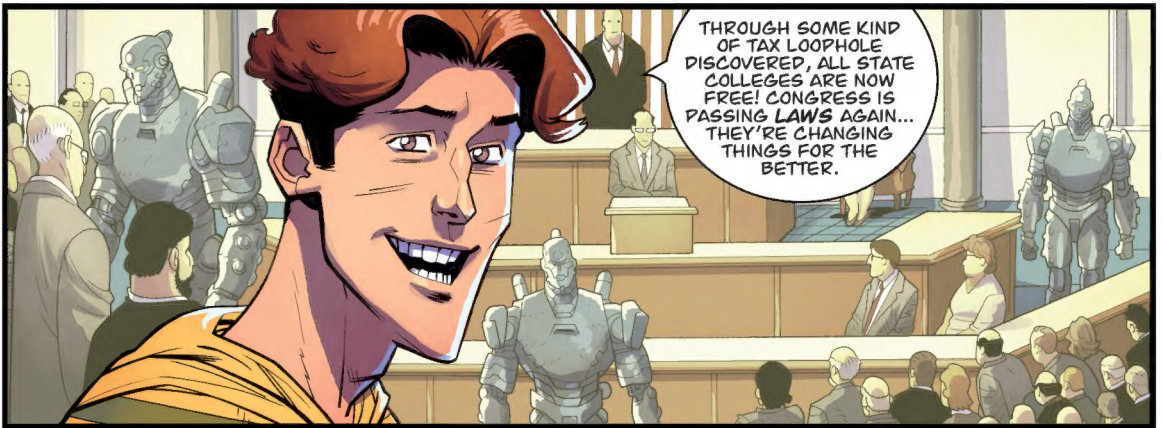


OF  
COURSE  
I'M EXCITED!  
IT'S A WHOLE  
NEW WORLD  
OUT THERE!

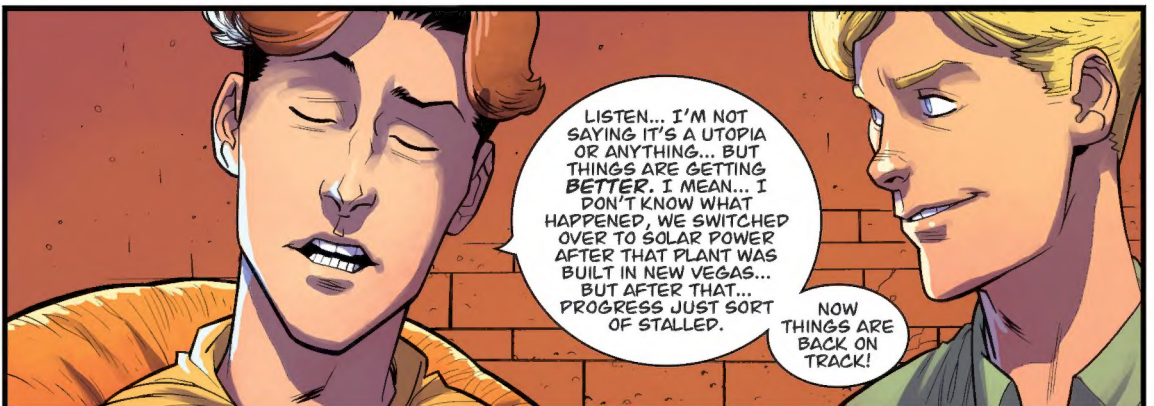
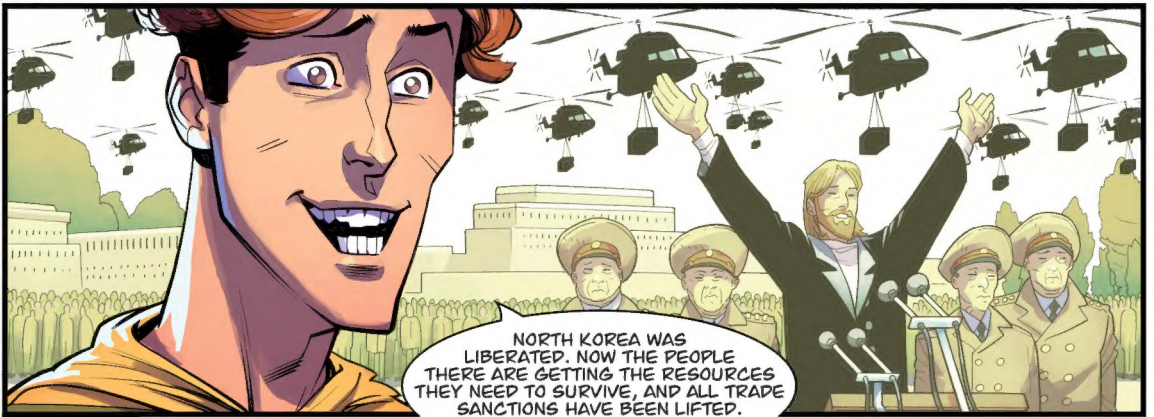
EVERYTHING  
IS CHANGING  
SO FAST I CAN  
HARDLY BELIEVE  
IT. I MEAN... HAVE  
YOU GUYS NOT  
BEEN PAYING  
ATTENTION?

HOW COULD  
YOU NOT BE  
THRILLED WITH  
EVERYTHING  
THAT'S  
HAPPENING?  
IT'S ALL  
GREAT!

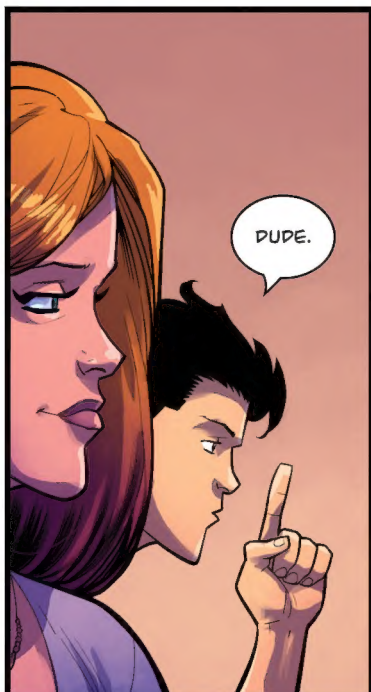
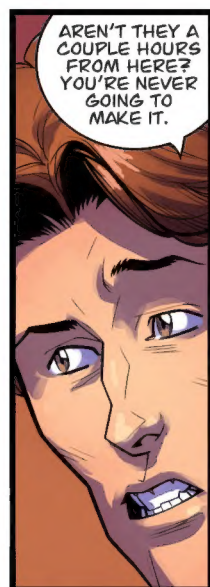
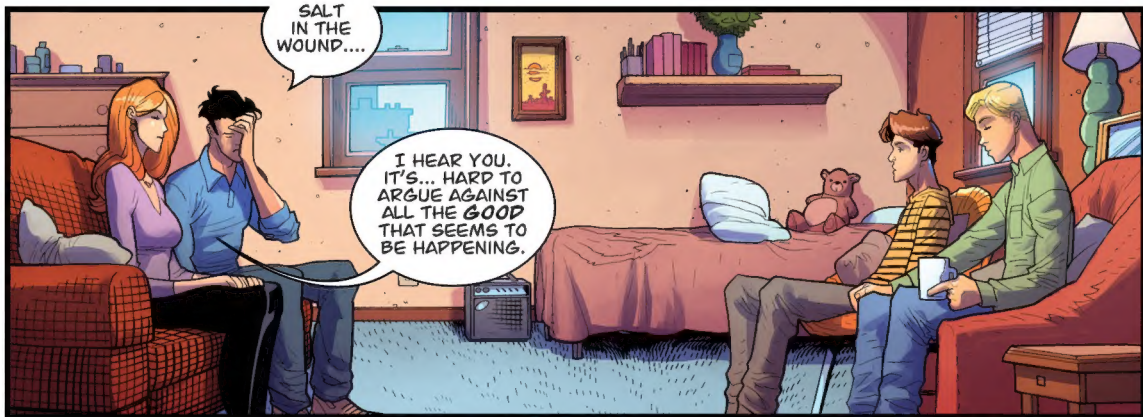




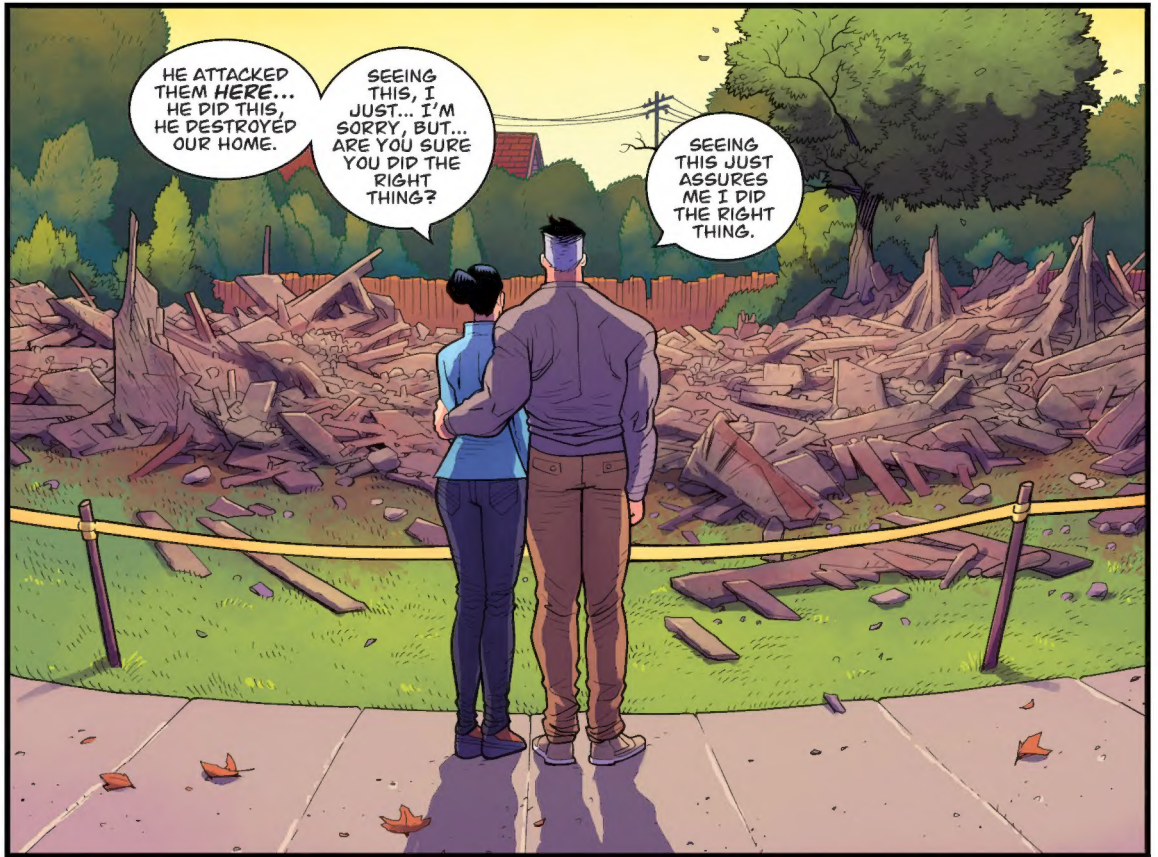
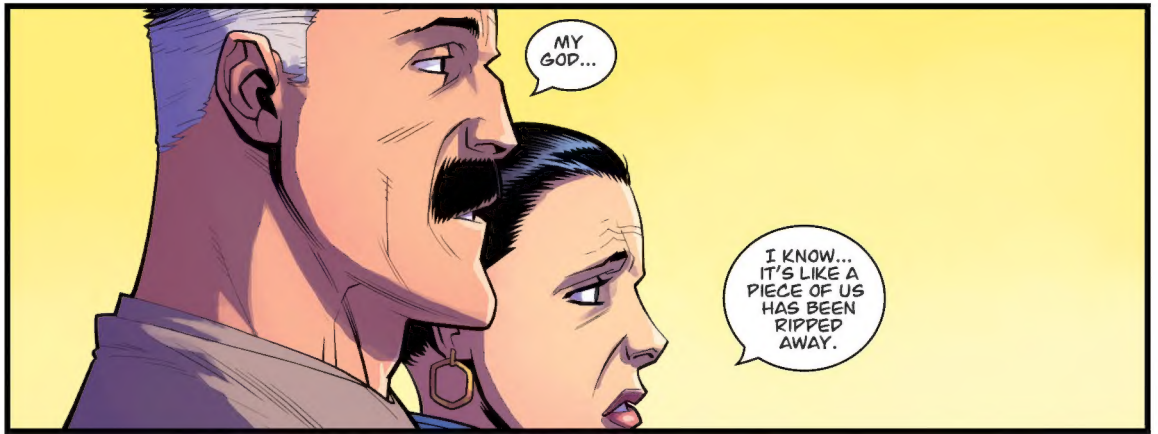














THESE PROBLEMS... THEY'RE SMALL... I CAN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BE DISTRACTED.

I HAVE TO DO MY DUTY AS EMPEROR... THAT IS MY PRIORITY. NOT THE AFFAIRS OF THESE PEOPLE.



WHO WERE WE ALL THOSE YEARS AGO? STANDING HERE... THINKING BACK... I HARDLY RECOGNIZE THOSE PEOPLE.



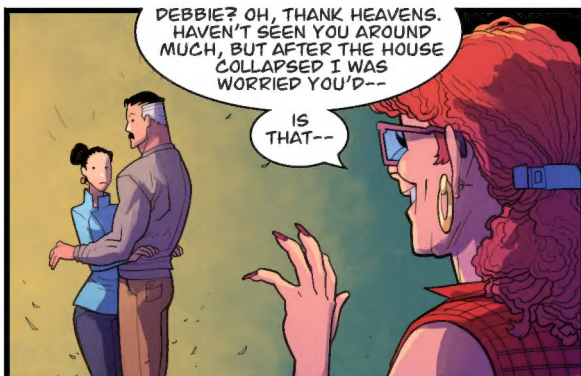
WE WERE HAPPY THEN, BUT I THINK WE'RE HAPPIER NOW... DESPITE IT ALL.



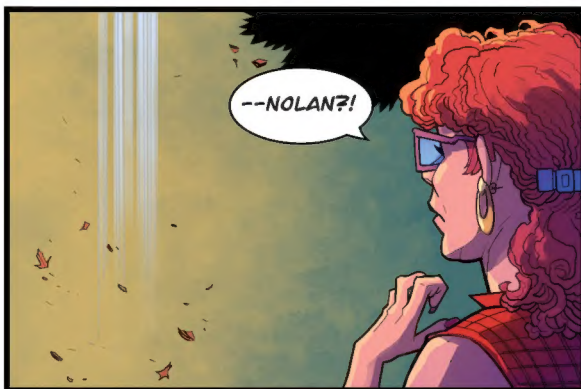
I'D AGREE WITH THAT.

DEBBIE? OH, THANK HEAVENS. HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND MUCH, BUT AFTER THE HOUSE COLLAPSED I WAS WORRIED YOU'D--

IS THAT--



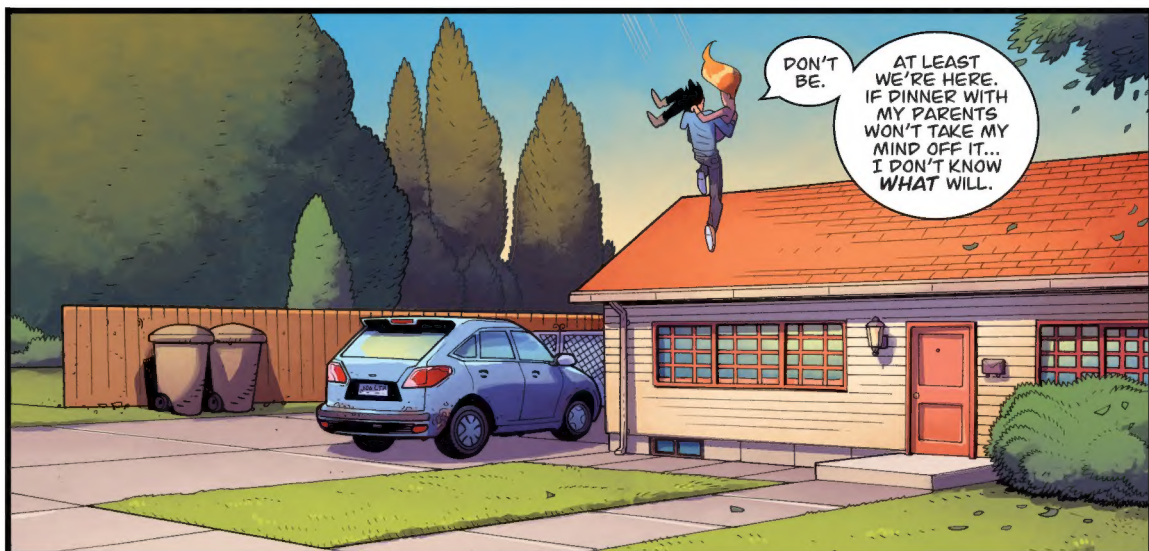
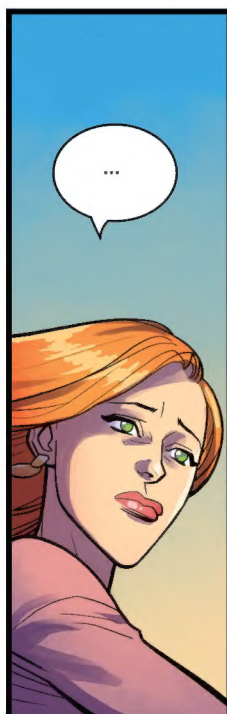
--NOLAN?!



GHOSTS!









ELSEWHERE.



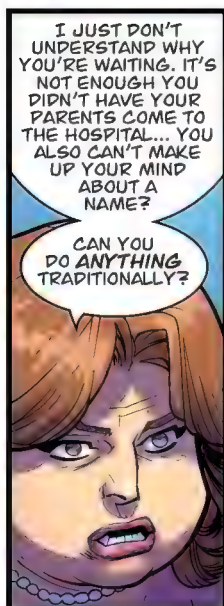




HAVE THE TWO OF YOU DECIDED ON A NAME YET?

NO, MOM. AND ASKING OVER AND OVER AGAIN ISN'T GOING TO MAKE US DECIDE FASTER.

WE'VE GOT TIME.



I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE WAITING. IT'S NOT ENOUGH YOU DIDN'T HAVE YOUR PARENTS COME TO THE HOSPITAL... YOU ALSO CAN'T MAKE UP YOUR MIND ABOUT A NAME?

CAN YOU DO ANYTHING TRADITIONALLY?



MAYBE NOT, MOM. WE'RE GOING TO WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE THE PERFECT NAME.

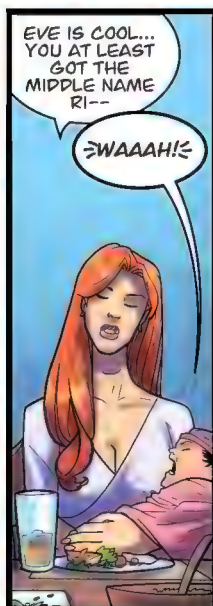
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANOTHER "SAMANTHA" SITUATION.



AND JUST WHAT IS SO WRONG WITH YOUR NAME?!

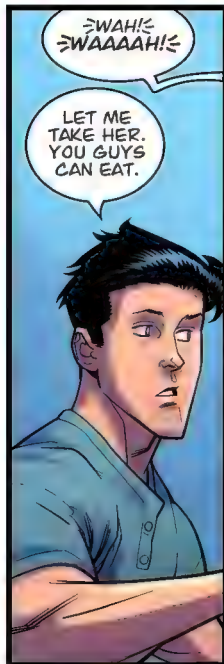


I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S A TERRIBLE NAME. IT'S COMPLETELY BORING.



EVE IS COOL... YOU AT LEAST GOT THE MIDDLE NAME RI--

≡WAAAAH!≡



≡WAH!≡  
≡WAAAAH!≡

LET ME TAKE HER. YOU GUYS CAN EAT.



≡WAAAAH!≡

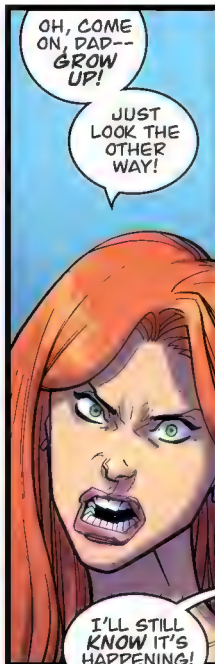
NONSENSE, SHE'S PROBABLY JUST HUNGRY HERSELF. IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME.



WHAT ARE YOU--?!

OH, HELL NO! NO DAUGHTER OF MINE IS GOING TO JUST POP HER BREAST OUT AT THE DINNER TABLE.

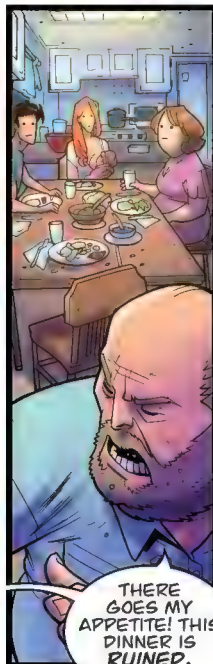
HAVE YOU NO SHAME?!



OH, COME ON, DAD-- GROW UP!

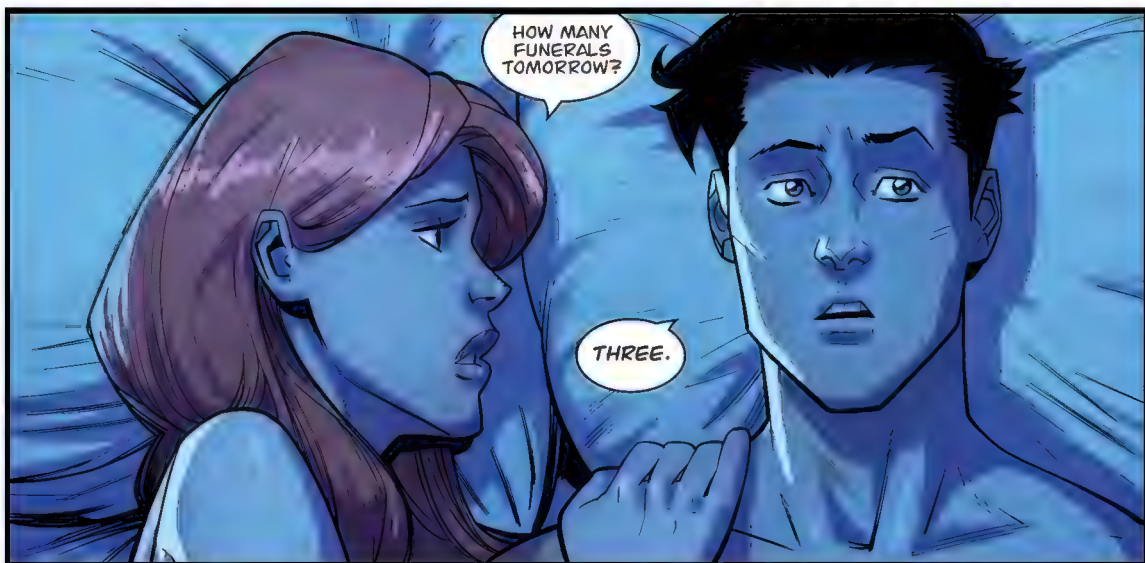
JUST LOOK THE OTHER WAY!

I'LL STILL KNOW IT'S HAPPENING!

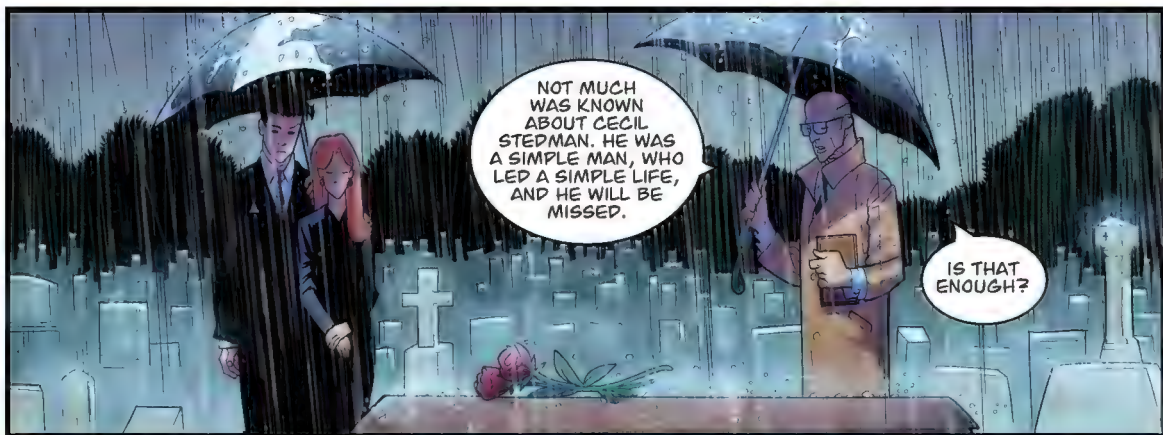
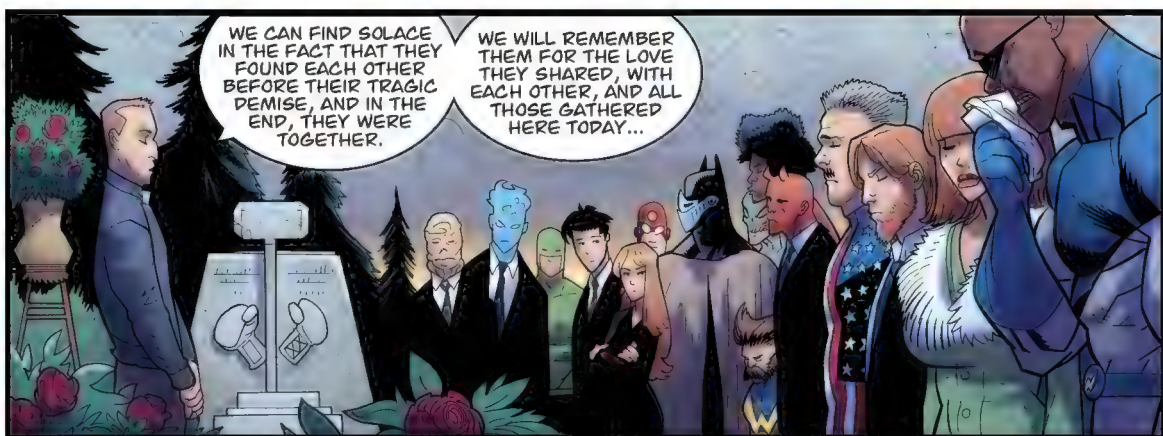
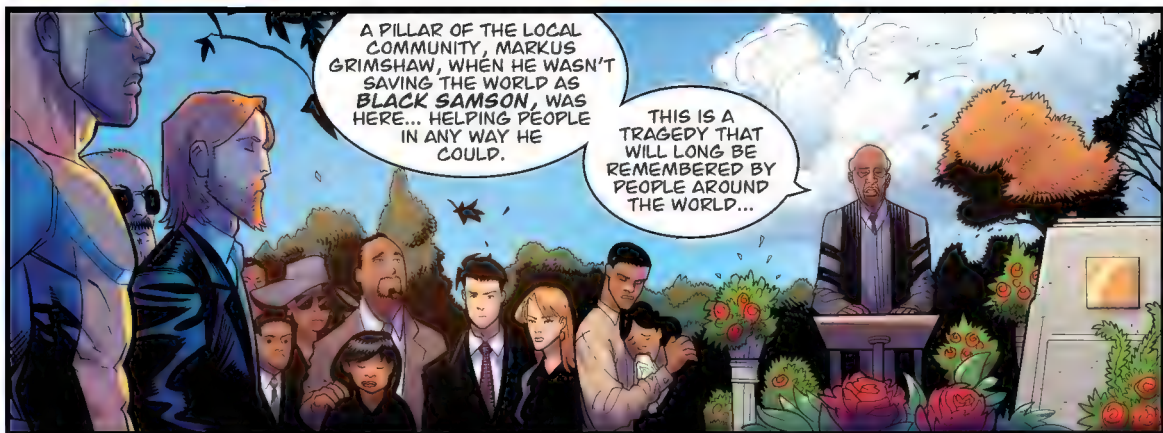


THERE GOES MY APPETITE! THIS DINNER IS RUINED.





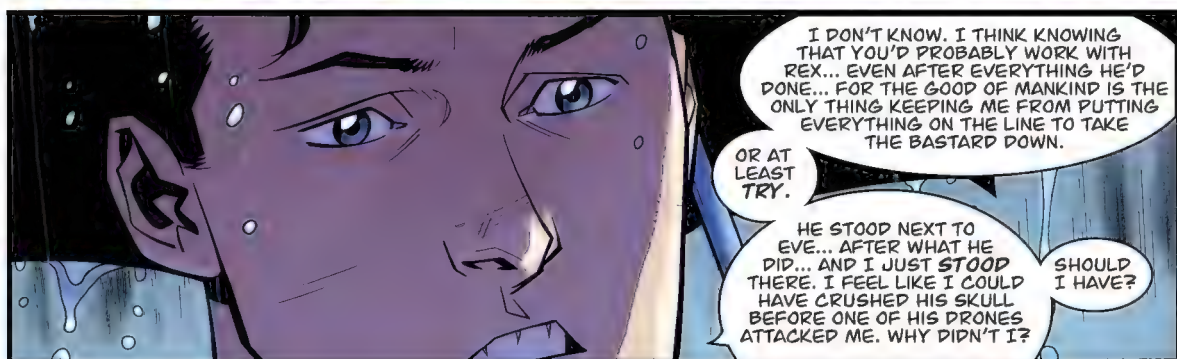








WHAT  
DO I DO  
NOW?



I DON'T KNOW. I THINK KNOWING THAT YOU'D PROBABLY WORK WITH REX... EVEN AFTER EVERYTHING HE'D DONE... FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND IS THE ONLY THING KEEPING ME FROM PUTTING EVERYTHING ON THE LINE TO TAKE THE BASTARD DOWN.

OR AT  
LEAST  
TRY.

HE STOOD NEXT TO EVE... AFTER WHAT HE DID... AND I JUST **STOOD** THERE. I FEEL LIKE I COULD HAVE CRUSHED HIS SKULL BEFORE ONE OF HIS DRONES ATTACKED ME. WHY DIDN'T I?

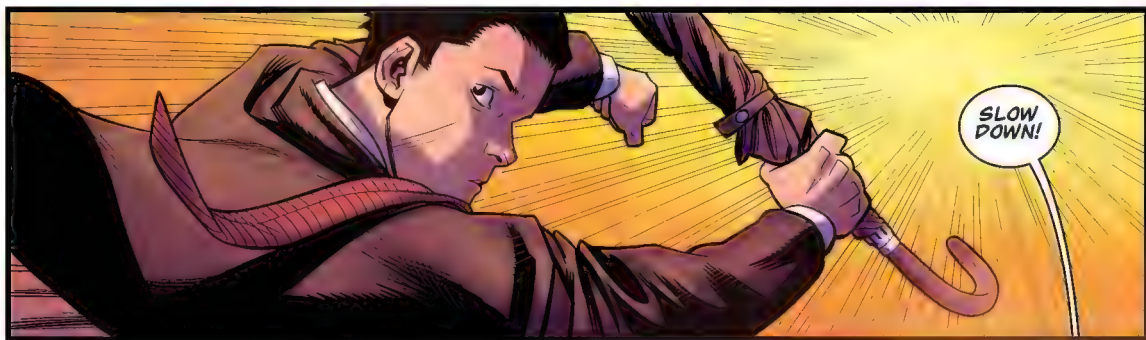
SHOULD  
I HAVE?



≡SIGH≡







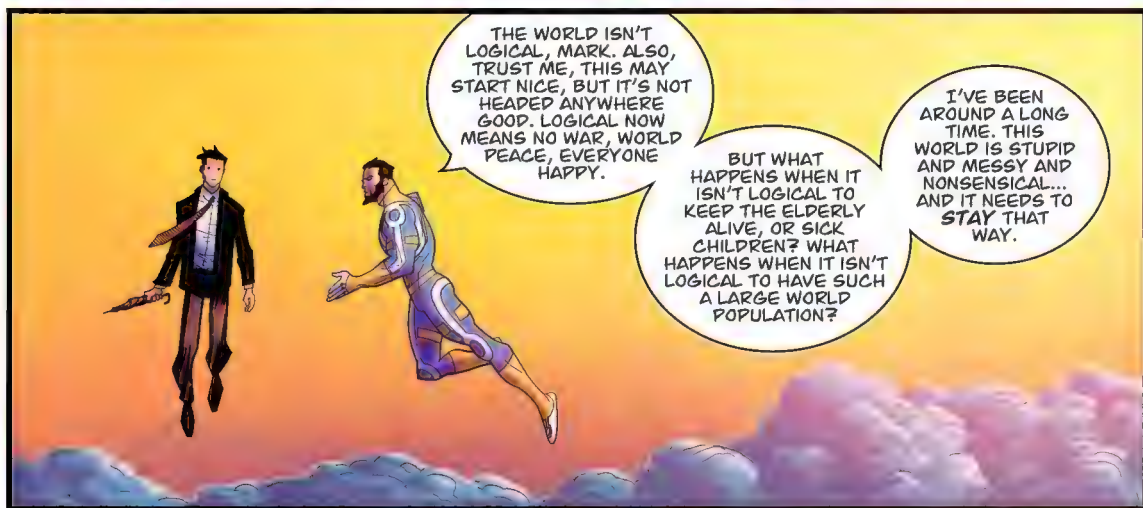




I KNOW ALL THAT, AND I AGREE WITH YOU... BUT THE THING IS... ROBOT DIDN'T GO BAD. HE'S NOT TAKING OVER BECAUSE OF EGO, OR AN INTENT TO CONTROL, OR DO WRONG. HE'S A **GENIUS**, MIGHT BE THE SMARTEST PERSON ON EARTH.

AS MUCH AS I HATE IT... WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO IS COLD HARD INTELLECT. HE'S DOING WHAT IS **LOGICAL** IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER.

WHAT IF HE'S **RIGHT**?



THE WORLD ISN'T LOGICAL, MARK. ALSO, TRUST ME, THIS MAY START NICE, BUT IT'S NOT HEADED ANYWHERE GOOD. LOGICAL NOW MEANS NO WAR, WORLD PEACE, EVERYONE HAPPY.

BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT ISN'T LOGICAL TO KEEP THE ELDERLY ALIVE, OR SICK CHILDREN? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT ISN'T LOGICAL TO HAVE SUCH A LARGE WORLD POPULATION?

I'VE BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME. THIS WORLD IS STUPID AND MESSY AND NONSENSICAL... AND IT NEEDS TO **STAY** THAT WAY.



I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH AT RISK. HE'S ALREADY GONE AFTER EVE ONCE... I CAN'T PUT HER IN DANGER... NOT BEFORE I KNOW IT'S NECESSARY.



I'M WILLING TO WAGER I'VE LOST MORE THAN YOU IN MY TIME ON THIS EARTH. WE HAVE TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR THE GREATER GOOD. THAT'S WHO WE ARE.

I KNOW KATE WOULDN'T ALLOW ME TO USE HER AS AN **EXCUSE** NOT TO DO WHAT I **KNOW** IS RIGHT.



...



THE LAST REMAINING  
VILTRUMITE WARSHIP,  
CURRENTLY STATIONED  
ON THE MOON.

BUT HE'S NOT  
EXPECTING IT. WHAT  
IF WE TOOK OUR TIME,  
ORGANIZED... MOVED  
OUR FORCES AGAINST  
HIM SLOWLY AND  
THEN STRUCK AT  
THE RIGHT  
TIME?

I COULD  
ORGANIZE THE  
TEAMS ON EARTH,  
THOSE STILL ALIVE...  
YOU COULD GET  
THE VILTRUMITES  
INVOLVED WHEN  
WE NEED  
YOU.

NO.

LISTEN AND REALLY  
HEAR ME, SON. YOU  
CAN HATE ME FOR THIS  
IF YOU WANT, I CAN LIVE  
WITH THAT... BUT I'M NOT  
GOING TO LET YOUR  
HUMAN NOTIONS OF  
FREEDOM AND JUSTICE  
GET IN THE WAY OF THE  
SURVIVAL OF OUR  
PEOPLE.

LESSER BEINGS  
ARE SOMETIMES  
BETTER OFF WITH SOMEONE  
MORE INTELLIGENT BEING IN  
CONTROL. A DOMESTICATED DOG  
IS BETTER OFF THAN A WILD ONE...

BUT  
IS IT  
FREE?

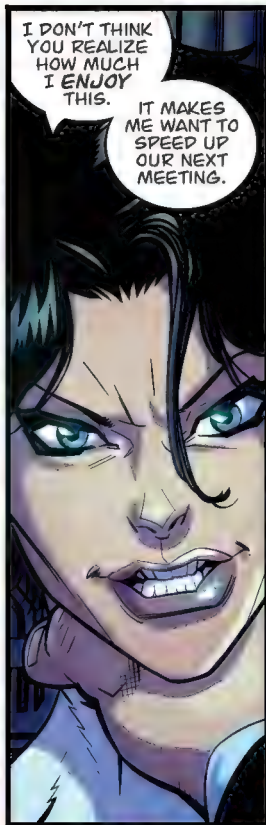
JESUS,  
DAD.

DOING NOTHING IS  
WHAT'S BEST FOR  
EVERYONE. YOU,  
ME, VILTRUMITES,  
HUMANS... THE  
SITUATION CHANGES...  
WE'LL TALK. UNTIL  
THEN, I'M DONE  
WITH THIS.

YOU TRY TO  
FIX THINGS AND  
YOU'RE ONLY GOING  
TO GET YOURSELF  
AND A WHOLE LOT OF  
OTHER PEOPLE  
KILLED.

SO NICE  
RUNNING  
INTO YOU  
LIKE THIS...



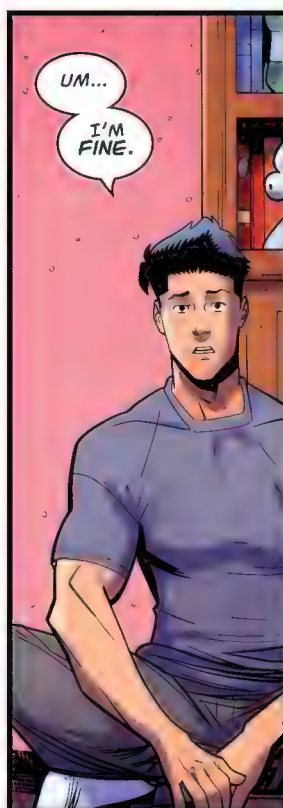
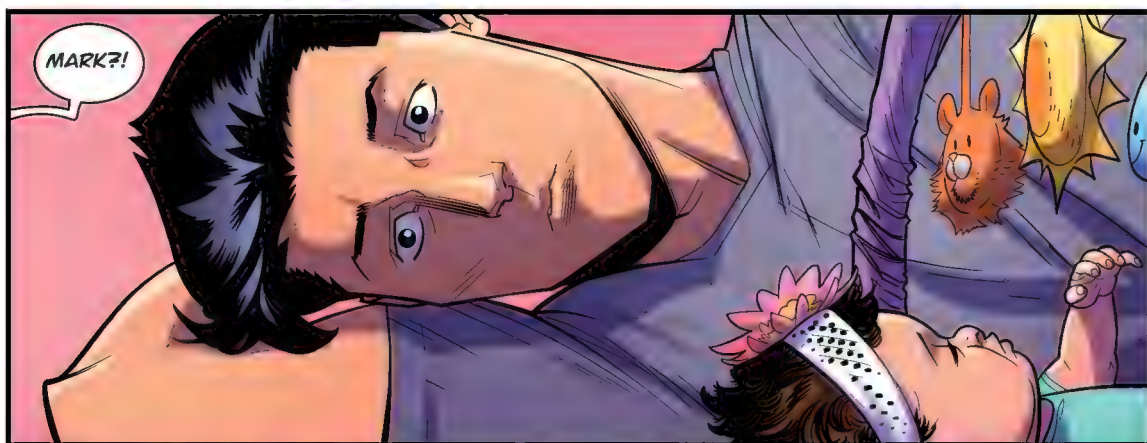
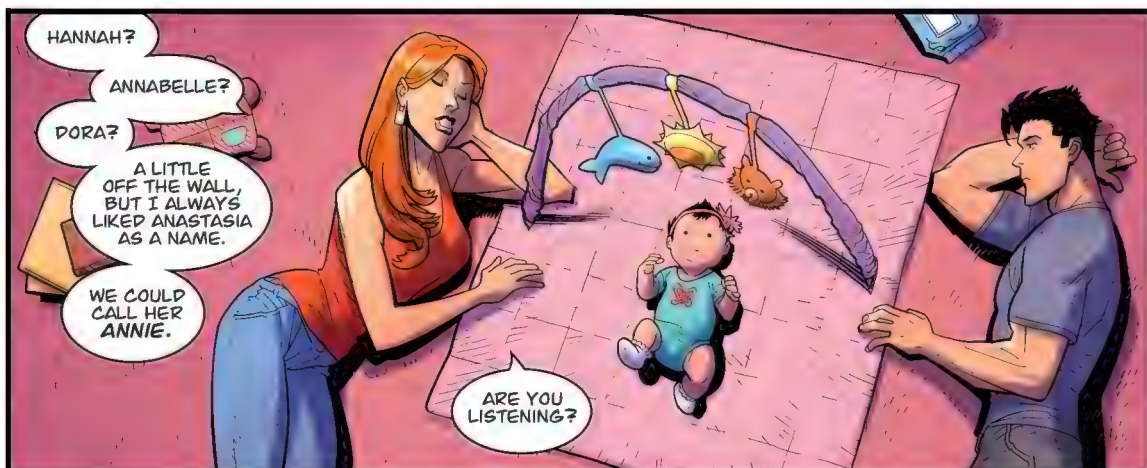




ELSEWHERE.











I'M SORRY...  
THERE'S JUST...  
SO MUCH. I  
DIDN'T MEAN TO  
DRIFT OFF LIKE  
THAT. IT JUST...  
HAPPENS.

I LOVE YOU...  
AND BEING BACK  
TOGETHER, WITH  
OUR DAUGHTER, IT'S  
REALLY DRIVEN  
HOME HOW MUCH I  
WANT THIS... THIS...  
IT FEELS RIGHT,  
YOU KNOW?

AND I GET  
IT... I REALLY DO.  
IN ORDER TO HAVE  
THIS... I CAN'T BE  
DOING THAT. NO MORE  
RUSHING OUT TO SAVE  
THE WORLD, GETTING  
LOST IN A PARALLEL  
DIMENSION.

I'M A  
FATHER  
NOW. I HAVE  
TO BE A  
FATHER.



BUT...?

IT'S JUST... I'M OLD  
ENOUGH TO KNOW WHO  
I AM. YOU KNOW  
WHAT I MEAN?

I'M ALWAYS  
GOING TO CHOOSE  
WHAT'S "RIGHT"  
OVER WHAT'S RIGHT  
FOR US.

NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH I  
DON'T WANT  
TO DO THAT.



MARK?

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING?

I CAN'T BE HERE... AND JUST  
IGNORE WHAT'S HAPPENING  
OUT THERE. WITH REX IN  
CHARGE, RUNNING  
THINGS...



I KNOW  
WHERE  
THIS IS  
GOING.



I CAN TRY TO  
CONVINCE MYSELF  
THINGS ARE FINE...  
AND I CAN TRY TO PUT  
IT OFF FOR AS LONG AS I  
CAN... AND TRY TO HAVE  
A HAPPY LIFE HERE...  
WITH OUR NEW  
FAMILY...

...BUT I  
KNOW  
THAT WON'T  
LAST.

I KNOW WHAT I  
HAVE TO DO. IT'S  
ONLY A MATTER OF  
TIME BEFORE I GIVE  
IN. I JUST CAN'T  
STAND ASIDE AND LET  
REX RULE THIS  
PLANET...





...SO I  
THINK WE'RE  
GOING TO  
HAVE TO  
LEAVE IT.



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# PENVINCIBLES

Man, oh man, we are going back to SPACE! There have been elections in my lifetime where people have said, "If so-and-so wins, I'm moving out of the country," and this is pretty much like that... except the world is actually getting better. If you thought this book was unpredictable before, you ain't seen nothing yet.

*Indeed. Yeah... things are starting to get interesting. I hope you guys agree... there's some pretty cool stuff ahead.*

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Robert

I'm writing this having just finished reading issue 114 and I can proudly say that you have outdone yourself. I went into this issue thinking that robot would be stopped and that Mark would save the day, but what I got was something a million times better. I didn't think he could do it, but robot actually took over the world! I'm very excited to see where this will take Mark and Rex and I love what you did with my all time favorite character aka Bulletproof. I have been craving for more of him since issue 97 and I can't wait to see where you take him as well. Overall, this has been one of the most amazing and shocking issues ever!

From Liam-Invincible's #1 fan.

**WAIT.** This is the same guy who claims to be Tech Jacket's #1 fan over in TECH JACKET. You can't be both Tech Jacket and Invincible's #1 fan! That's too much fandom to split. Your titles have been revoked until further notice.

*I disagree, I think that it's totally possible to be the #1 fan of two distinct comic characters. There's more than enough love to go around when it comes to comics as awesome as INVINCIBLE and TECH JACKET.*

Well, if you're going to sit atop the throne, Liam, expect to see some folks come gunning for your crown.

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Hi I been a fan of this comic since last year, and when I read the comic today I was surprised. I was really hoping that Robot (Rex) will get his justice

handed to him. But at the end he won the battle, I was upset at first and then I remember that this comic have realism into it. This is not one of those comics which makes the superhero says screw that noise and make him/her save the day and defeat the villain. Which is not the case in this comic book series, no matter what action you take there will be always consequences. If Invincible took the other way, things will get grim for him and the people around him. After I saw the upcoming issues, like Invincible and his wife are going somewhere that is far away from earth for how it is. After I read the issue today and I went back to the cover for #117, it feels like that Invincible will try to get stronger, then go get allies from space, and free the captured heroes to start a revolution against Robot's tyranny. However this big battle might have a victory but with a very heavy cost. What's your take on this?

Your fan,

Vinicius Alves

**This issue makes it clear that Mark is going out to space to keep his family safe and focus on being a father. But he absolutely has allies out in space; it's been a while since we saw Allen and Oliver, huh?**

*Whoa... it sure has... maybe we'll see them again... soon... maybe.*

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Dear Penvincibles!!!

Greetings again from your Malaysian Ambassador!!!

So, I was looking at all these annuals and such from major companies... and I was thinking, hey, why doesn't my favorite comic of all time have an annual? Then I realised it might be due to simple economics, demand, etc. So I was thinking, why not put the cart before the horse? YOU GUYS, tell us what would make it worth your time to do an Invincible Annual, and kickstarter it, and let fans vote with their \$\$\$ to decide if it gets done or not?

Suggested high tier reward... for \$1000 you get a cameo, but for \$5000 (or whatever sum), donors would get their name and face added to the "generic Viltrumite list", ie occasionally we get



nameless Viltrumites appear right? So, I'd bet tons of fans would love to be added to that roster! Saves you guys having to come up with generics every now and then too! ;)

... would you guys be thrilled or horrified if tons of fans ponied up to become red shirt Viltrumites? ROFL!!!

Jason

**There's really no need for us to Kickstarter any comics project. If we wanted to print an INVINCIBLE Annual (or anything really), we'd do it. So the question is: why haven't you done an annual, Robert?**

*I've wanted to do one for a long time. But to me, an "Annual" is just that... it's a special issue that comes out annually, so if we ever did it, I feel like we'd be committed to doing one a year... and y'know... that takes work and planning. I'd love to get my ducks in a row on this. But honestly, I just haven't had time. Maybe someday we'll start them, I certainly DO want to do them. They're almost the only superhero comics staple that we haven't gotten to do our take on yet.*

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Hey, Penvincipals (That's weird, I've never sent a letter to anything before)

Like every letter, I must start saying this comic book rocks. It's REALLY interesting. I started reading this year and I can say it's much more cool than a lot of mainstream superhero comic book series. So much that Invincible is one of my inspirations to my wish of working on comics and art in general.

This said, I want to do a question that a bunch of people already asked, but I'm asking again because I think it have been a long time since someone mentioned that, but... What about Invincible in other medias?

I remember that the first idea was a movie... But yeah, for now I don't know if that would go right (115 issues, you know). Just if the movie told us just a part of the story or an independent one. A series would be more viable then, right? Like The Walking Dead? Will that ever happen one day? Is it still on the plans?

And one thing that I don't remember no one mentioning (but I think it would be really cool); An Invincible game. I don't know, it could be from any genre... Telltale's The Walking Dead, for example, was not about killing zombies, but about choices. And it was freakin' cool.

But I think the most obvious would be a fighting game. This would really rock. "Oh, but Thragg could

easily defeat the Immortal, for example. It would not make sense a fight between them". Who cares? LOL

Most part of fighting games don't make sense at all. In Dragon Ball games you could defeat Cell with Mr. Satan. In Mortal Kombat you can defeat Shao Kahn with Mokap. No more fooling around, you guys already considered that, right? I'm not asking you to do it immediately or anything because I know it's not easy as that. I'm just asking if you guys would like if that happens one day, or you consider something different.

Regards from Brazil,  
Luca Albano.  
(this is weird, dammit)

P.S: Sorray for me badd inglish.

**Have we considered an Invincible video game? Hell yes. Robert and I are both huge fans of Capcom fighting games, so what you're suggesting is something we've thought about a lot. BUT, while you patiently wait for your first true Invincible video game experience, Pixowl's Sandbox mobile game has some Invincible DLC AVAILABLE NOW! For the first time, you can play as Mark, Monster Girl, Dupli-Kate and Rex-Splode... and then come back January 29th for the Invincible campaign pack to battle a Sequid invasion. So check it out on iTunes or wherever else you get those things!**

*I'll repeat what I always say. Movie, TV show, video game... of course we'd love for all those things to happen here at Invincible Central. In fact... have you heard about INVINCIBLE characters showing up in THE SANDBOX? Check it out in your favorite app store. It's the best.*

*Anyway, as much as we'd love for this to happen, we also want to make sure whatever we do is great... and these kind of things take time. I'm confident something will happen eventually, but there's no time table and really... we want it to be perfect. Rest assured, when something does happen, you'll hear about it here... last... almost last? I mean, the nature of the Internet being what it is, it's almost impossible to break news in a letters column, you know?*

*Anyway... thanks for writing in.*

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**Next month... Mark and Eve say their good-byes.**

**-Sean Mackiewicz**

*It's gonna be great! See you all then!*

*-Robert Kirkman*



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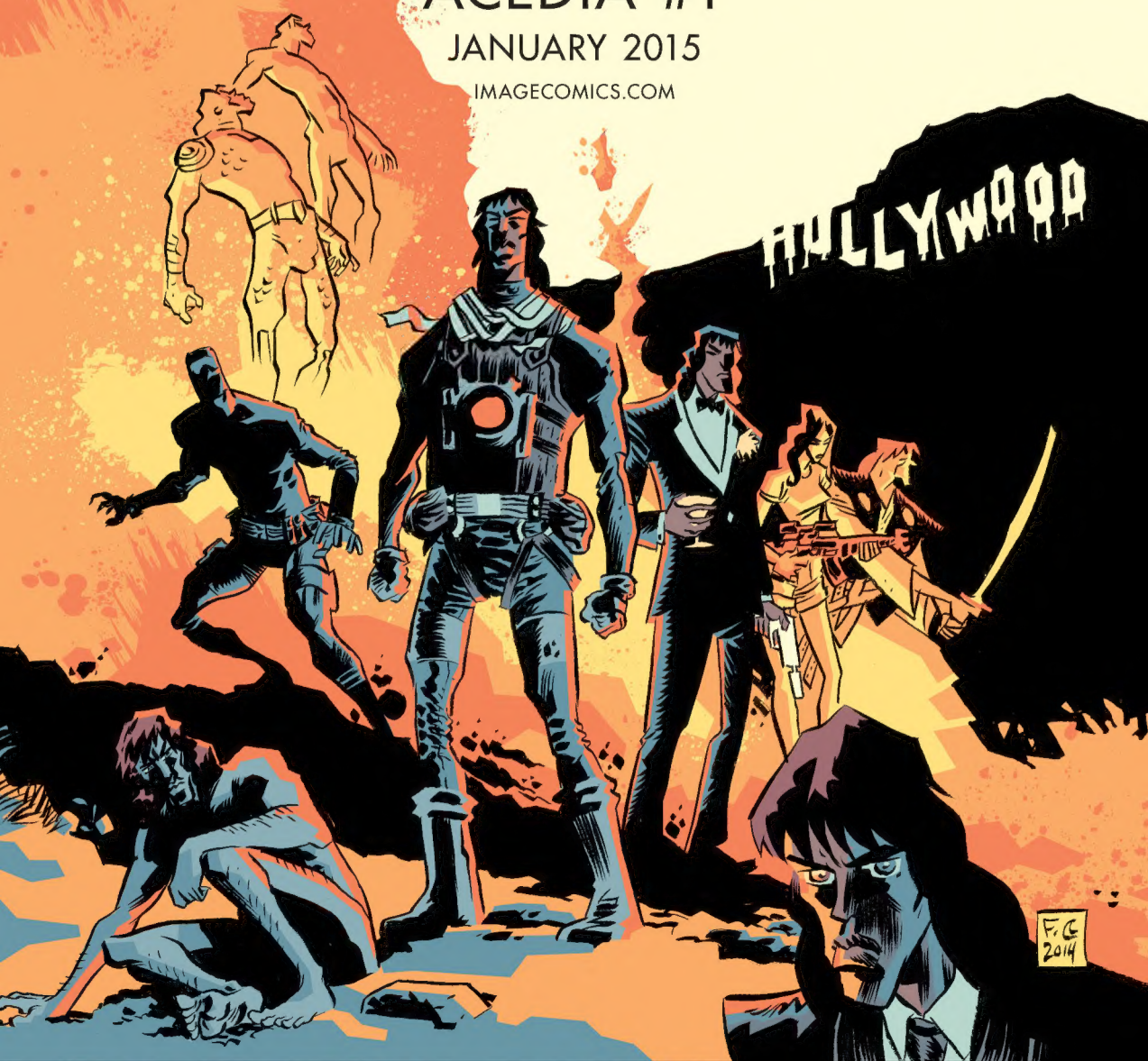
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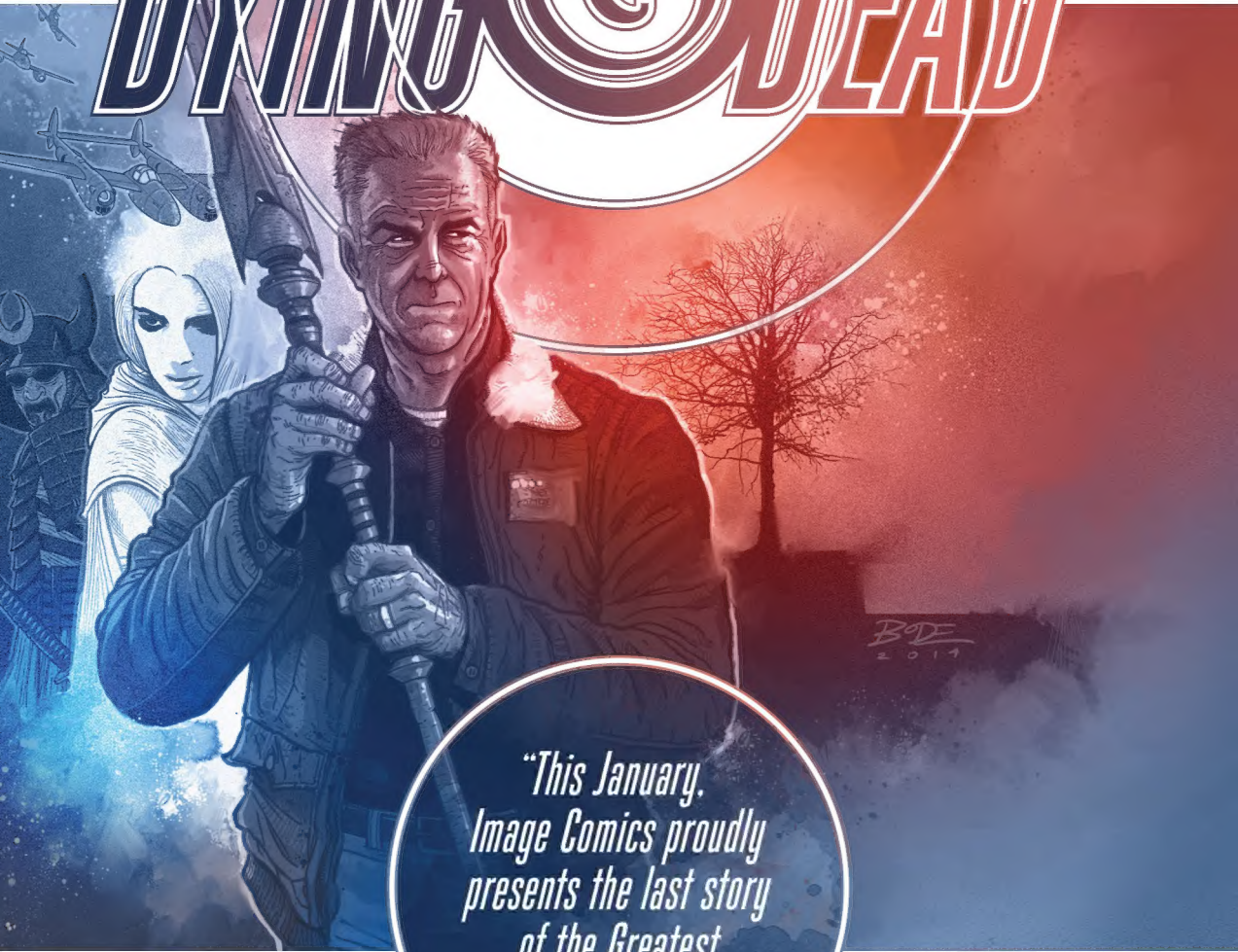


**It's our Los Angeles. It's our Earth.  
And he remembers absolutely  
nothing of his past.**

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